1	2	3	4	5
23	Sikkim	305,992	222,766	72.80
24	Tamil Nadu	39,014,179	35,689,655	91.48
25	Tripura	2,005,704	1,997,757	99.60
26	Uttar Pradesh	1,14,344,263	91,300,000	79.84
27	Uttarakhand	5,961,350	5,298,723	88.88
28	West Bengal	49,458,794	46,630,101	94.28
29	A&N Islands	243,188	214,241	88.10
30	Chandigarh	354,130	354,130	100.00
31	D&N Haveli	133,250	95,645	71.78
32	Daman & Diu	90,003	60,447	67.16
33	Lakshadweep	40.241	37,617	93.48
34	NCT of Delhi	10,123,095	6,262,840	61.87
35	Puducherry	711,595	711,595	100.00
	TOTAL:	686,036,456	495,816,856	72.27

Expansion of RGCCPP, Kayamkulam

*151. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foundation stone for expansion of Rajiv Gandhi Combined Cycle Power Project (RGCCPP), Kayamkulam, was laid by Hon'ble Prime Minister in 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the present status and the proposed period of completion of work;

(c) the steps Government would take to start the expansion work and to complete it as per the schedule;

(d) whether uncertainty in the sustainable availability of gas at affordable rates had been resolved; and

(e) if not, the reasons herefore?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) NTPC Limited proposes to expand the existing 360 Mega Watt (MW) Naphtha-fired, Rajiv Gandhi Combined Cycle Power Plant (RGCCPP) by adding 1950 MW capacity (nominal) in Stage-II based on Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG/Natural Gas (NG) as fuel.

The Feasibility Report for 1950 MW Stage-II expansion of RGCCPP had been prepared considering Re-gasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG)/Natural Gas (NG) to be sourced through International Competitive Bidding (ICB) route. NTPC Limited invited international bids for supply of RLNG/NG. The process could not be completed due to inadequate/ incomplete 'response.

Subsequently, it was decided to earmark 2.1 Million Tonne per Annum (MMTPA) out of the expected quantity of LNG to be sourced by Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) at its proposed

Kochi Terminal, for NTPC Ltd.'s existing RGCCPP Stage-I at Kayamkulam and its proposed Stage-II expansion of 1950 MW. Petronet's LNG Terminal at Kochi is likely to be commissioned by June, 2011.

In respect of other infrastructural requirements, land is already available for the project. In-principle availability of water from the State Government, Aviation clearance from the Airport Authority of India and No Objection Certificate' from the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) are available. Signing of Fuel Supply Agreement, making fuel available at reasonable prices/terms, is critical for the execution of the project.

Bifurcation of CBSE

*152. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to bifurcate the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), to get better supervision of school education;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large country like India requires more than one organization for school education;

(c) whether flexibility and change has not resulted from various pronouncements of CBSE; and

(d) the steps proposed to develop and bifurcate the CBSE?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Besides Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), there are two other School Examination Boards at the national level, i.e., Council for Indian School Certificate Examination (CISCE) and National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), and several Boards at the State level.

(c) CBSE has introduced several curricular and systemic reforms.

(d) Whereas there is no proposal to bifurcate CBSE at present, several initiatives have been taken by CBSE to make the curriculum student-friendly, to make the examinations less stressful and to generally develop the organizational capacity to cater to the educational needs of the student community.

Mid-day Meal Scheme in higher secondary schools

†*153. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to provide mid-day meals to students in the higher secondary schools also;

(b) if so, the annual expenditure likely to be incurred on it;

(c) whether this scheme would be implemented in all the schools in the country; and

(d) if not, in which blocks it would be implemented and the estimated number of students who would be benefited by the same?

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†Original notice of the question-was received in Hindi.